

REMARKS:

In view of the fact that allowable subject matter has been indicated to be present in the case, an earnest effort has been made to bring the application to issue without delay.

1. A new abstract has been provided without the phrases which were of concern to the Examiner and within the number of words suggested by the Examiner.

2. Bibliography page 31 following the claims has been canceled.

3. Claims 27-32 have been amended to eliminate the problems raised by the Examiner although the exact form of the changes proposed by the Examiner has not been used.

The Examiner has proposed replacing "use" with -- used -- for various grammatical reasons, but that change may very well be misleading. The Examiner may be correct that "use rights" may be an incorrect term. The Examiner should note, however, in this regard, that "use rights" has been used in legal documents of Microsoft Corp. and others for what is referred to as regulating access to a usage of computer software in data bases.

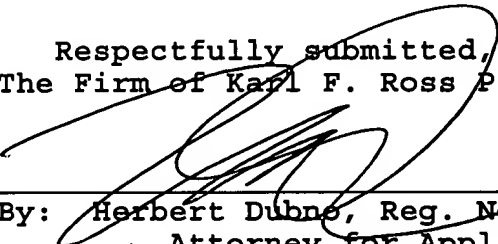
Applicant has chosen to use the term "usage rights" as a substitute, which is both correct grammatically and the proper idiomatic expression for what is being marketed here. The amended

claims reflect use of this expression. If the Examiner prefers, applicant is willing to use the expression "rights of use" which means the same thing.

The Examiner has objected as well to the term "use price" and the term "marginal costs" and applicant has replaced the latter expression with "costs associated with the execution of usage rights" and has eliminated the reference to "use prices" completely in favor of the statement that the prices reflect the costs associated with the execution of the usage rights. As a consequence, applicant believes that both grammatical objectives and the objectives with respect to proper antecedents have been satisfied. Otherwise changes have been made throughout the claims to reflect the Examiner's comments and to eliminate confusion. The claims are specifically drawn to the feature which led the Examiner in paragraph 6 of page 4 of the Office Action to indicate that the claims are allowable.

Since the claims are deemed to be allowable, an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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